



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment request

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LS-200, LS-201, LS-203, LS-204, LS-262, LS-267, LS-271, LS-274, and LS-513). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before [INSERT 60-DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0701, fax (202) 693-1447, Email ferguson.yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background:

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). LHWCA provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several Acts extend the Longshore Act's coverage to certain other employees. The following regulations have been developed to implement the Act's provisions and to provide clarification in those areas where it was deemed necessary (20 CFR 702.162, 702.174, 702.175, 20 CFR 702.242, 20 CFR 702.285, 702.321, 702.201, and 702.111). In some cases, prior regulations have been updated and changed either to reflect the intent of the amended Act or to correct recognized deficiencies.

This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2012.

II. Review Focus: The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- * evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions: The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently approved information collection.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Type of Review: Extension

Title: Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

OMB Number: 1240-0014

Agency Number: (LS-200, LS-201, LS-203, LS-204, LS-262, LS-267, LS-271, LS-274, and LS-513)

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 130,036

Total Annual Responses: 130,036

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 44,950

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes to 3 hours

Frequency: On occasion and annually

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$45,979

BURDEN SUMMARY	HOURS
LS-200 (20 CFR 702.285)	1,904
20 CFR 702.162 (Liens).....	5
20 CFR 702.174 (Certifications).....	4
20 CFR 702.175 (Reinstatements).....	1
20 CFR 702.242 (Settlement Applications).....	9,498
20 CFR 702.321 (Section 8(f) Payments).....	1,425
ESA-100 (20 SFR 702.201).....	840
LS-271 (Self Insurance Application).....	60
LS-274 (Injury Report of Insurance Carrier and Self-Insured Employer).....	565
LS-201 (Injury or Death Notice).....	910
LS-513 (Payment Report).....	283
LS-267 (Claimant's Statement).....	37
LS-203 (Employee Comp. Claim).....	2,048
LS-204 (Medical Report).....	27,300
LS-262 (Claim for Death Benefits).....	70
Total Burden Hours.....	44,950

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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US Department of Labor

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